

CLUB SERVICE PROJECT COMPETITION

Competition includes science-related work performed by clubs which aids the club, schools, or community. This competition is intended to promote community involvement among students interested in science. Club projects are important as they promote visible improvements, develop favorable local publicity and support, and provide encouragement and involvement of students.

In this area of competition, oral project reports are presented to and judged by the students themselves. No later than two weeks before the district competition each participating club must submit a completed entry form on the Student Academy website (www.ncsas.org). If a club is unable to participate when the District competition is held, a club representative may contact one of the District Co-Directors to explain the issues or concern that prevent participation, and the Co-Director will make a decision about whether to certify the project for competition at the State level.

In Districts where there is a District competition, the District Co-Directors must certify each project that goes on to the State Competition. In Districts where there is no District competition scheduled, a club representative may contact one of the District Co-Directors to explain the issues or concern that prevent participation, and the Co-Director will make a decision about whether to certify the project for competition at the State level.

The following format is recommended for the written report to be submitted at the time of registration:

1. Title
2. Objectives--reasons for projects, goals, who benefits
3. Method
4. Progress
5. Acknowledgments

The following guidelines are used for judging and should be addressed in the report:

Originality of Project

Degree of club involvement in project

Degree of community involvement

How beneficial was the project

Lasting or continuing impact of project

Were the objectives of the project met

Organization of presentation

Response to questioning

Use of visual aids

Each group project is allowed 10 minutes to present the club's project to the committee. This presentation may include charts and other audio-visual aids; however, clubs must provide any equipment other than computer and projector needed in the presentation.

After all of the projects have been presented at the district meeting, the judging committee chooses the winning project by vote. The project receiving the most votes represents the district in state competition. However, in special circumstances where there is more than one outstanding project, the district committee may recommend two projects for competition at the state level.

At the state level, the judging committee consists of the state officers with the state president presiding. Any student officer whose club is in competition is disqualified from the judging committee. If a majority of the district officers and state officers are eliminated, presidents of non-competing clubs may be added to the judging committee at the State level by the Executive Director. Each group project is permitted 10 minutes for presentation, and the judging committee is permitted 5 minutes to ask questions at the end of the presentation. No questions are permitted from the floor.